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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAD & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA:—SEATON, GUNTER & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDGES & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, O. B. HENDERSON & Co., Macao, L. A. DA SILVA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. BARBOUR, Esq. AD. ANDERSON, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq. H. B. BULLOCK, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK. Ed. TOBIN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, J. THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, J. EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

VALUABLE DRAMATIC LIBRARY, COMPRISING: Scarce Reprints of the Old English Dramatists.

The First Folio Edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works, with the rare Portrait of Fletcher by Marshall, 1679. Fac Simile of the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works, 1623.

First Complete Edition of Ben Jonson's Works, Engraved Frontispiece, by Hole, 2 Vols. Small Folio, 1640.

D'Avenant's Dramatic Works, Brilliant Impression of the Excessively Rare Portrait by Faithorne, Small Folio, 1673.

Suckling's Fragments Aurea, Engraved Portrait by Marshall, 1646.

An Uncut Copy of Shirley's Works, 6 Vols., 1833, very rare.

An Uncut Copy of Middleton's Works, 5 Vols., 1840, very rare.

A Few Early Quarto Plays, &c., &c., &c., the whole in Fine Condition, and many of the utmost rarity.

Also, A Collection of Miscellaneous Works, including a Complete Set of the Original Editions of Dickens's Christmas Works, 5 Vols., 1843, very rare.

Key's Edinburgh Portraits, 4 Vols. An Early English Prayer Book, in Tortoise-Shell and Silver Binding, &c., &c., &c.

AFTER WHICH An Invoice of Saratoga Trunks, Lady's and Gentlemen's Traveling Bags, Satchels, &c., &c., &c.

An Invoice of Plated-ware, consisting of: Ice Pitchers, Various Patterns, Custards, Butters, Pickle Stands, and Oak Dining-room Chairs, Cane Back Office Chairs, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, February 21, 1877. 1627

Auctions.

SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Stables, Government House, on

TUESDAY,

the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m.,—

The following HORSES and CARRIAGES, &c., the Property of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c. A Bay Australian Horse, *Kalamarang*, Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness.

A Black Australian Horse, *The Shark*, 5 years old, Carries a Lady. A London-built Victoria with Pole, Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole, and Fitted for Shafts.

A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness. The above may be viewed at Government House Stables, till the time of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. 1627

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. Geo. Dods, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whitlock and Finlay of Edinburgh; Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wines, &c. A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.

A SEWING MACHINE for Hand or Foot, by Singer.

A JARDINIERE, by Motzla of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Blackwood.

And,

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.

At 3 p.m., by order of Sir John Smale.

One Four Wheel CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Davis, Long Acre, London, Builder, with Double Harness.

One Four Wheel BASKET CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Arlot & Co., Paris, Builders, with Double Harness.

And, 1 Gentleman's SADDLE Complete, 1 Lady's SADDLE do. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after THURSDAY, the 1st March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1627

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixteenth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. 1627

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c. Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. 1627

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. 1627

THE MEDICAL HALL.

27, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876. 1627

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, February 12, 1877. 1627

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, We have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port. Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 19, Praya Central.

Mr. C. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelopes the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 5, 1877. 1627

SPANISH CONSULATE.

TENDERS for the Construction of SEVEN BOATS for the Spanish Man-of-war will be RECEIVED at this Office until Noon of the 4th day of March next.

Conditions, Plans, &c., are exposed at the same for the information of persons wishing to make proposals.

A. FARAUO, Consul for Spain. Hongkong, February 22, 1877. 1627

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs Russell & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUY, Agent. Hongkong, February 1, 1877. 1627

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary. 187, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1838. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £340,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. MUIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager. Hongkong, February 16, 1877. 1627

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE. MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MA. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEMSEN has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. 1627

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTRE & HUISE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTRE, W. HUISE. Canton, December 31, 1876. 1627

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. MR. FRITZ LANGEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last. WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. 1627

NOTICE. MR. J. F. CORDER'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last. WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. 1627

NOTICE. WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION. ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1877. 1627

NOTICE. THE Authority given Mr. ALFRED HERTZ to sign our Firm by Procuration has been withdrawn. CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

FOR SALE.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS. On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES', BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VALUABLE REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS. Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874. HENDRICK & Co., MONOPOLE. DEETJEN & Co. Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1627

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship "GADSHILL," Captain BARTON, shortly expected from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. (If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship "VANADIS," WELAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 4 1 American Ship "MONTECARLO," W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 12 years 3/3 L. 1. 1. Danish Bark "KORSOR," L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR LONDON. A 1 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA," BLAKE, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG. The 4 1 German Barque "ALBATROSS," KOPPELMANN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE," Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE. THE BRITISH SHIP TYBURNIA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANTOO.

The Steamship
"LEONOR,"
Capt. M. Young, will be de-
parted for the above Ports
on TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"STATE OF LOUISIANA,"
will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 28th Inst.,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. BURNIE, will be de-
parted for the above Ports
on THURSDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at SOMERSET, COOKTOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN and KEPPEL BAY, to land Mails and Passengers.)
The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BRISBANE,"
Capt. BAILEY, will be de-
parted as above on THURSDAY, the
1st March, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship
"BUTUAN,"
will be despatched for the
above Port at Noon, on FRI-
DAY, the 2nd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. KIER & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"HESPERIA,"
Capt. JOHANNSEN, shortly
expected from Hamburg,
London and Singapore, will receive im-
mediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
W. M. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agts.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gadshill* having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
by her are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk by the Under-
signed into their Godowns, whence they
will be forwarded to their destinations.
The whole of the Goods will be delivered
from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Goods will be sent on to Yokohama
unless notice to the contrary is given
before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
28th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

PUBLICATION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 1st March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,
An Invoice of JAPANESE WARE,
comprising: Inlaid Cabinets, Bronzes,
Ivory Carvings, Baskets, Necklaces, Ear-
rings, Gloves and Fancy Boxes in Lac-
quered and Tortoise-shell Ware, Napkin
Kings, Pictures, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.

PUBLICATION.

THE Underigned will sell by Public
Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 1st day of March, 1877, at No. 13,
Queen's Road Central (Changes of Resi-
dence), at 2 p.m.:

Portion of the Household FURNI-
TURE, as Damask-covered Sofas and
Chairs, Marble-top Side and Centre Ta-
bles, Fine Oil Paintings, China and Japa-
nese Vases and Curios, Handsome Pier
Glasses, Curtains, Carpeting, Dining Ta-
ble and Chairs, Sideboard, 8, 4, 8, and
8 Burner Gasaliers, Marble-top Toilet
Tables and Glasses, Washstands, Cheval
Glass, Wardrobes, &c., &c.

A Semi-grand PIANO, by Collard &
Collard, in perfect order.

A small BILLIARD TABLE, with
Balls, Cues, etc., complete.

A DOG CART, with Pony Harness.
See Catalogue.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of
the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk, on the
fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUNDES, Jr., Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the
Premises (unless previously disposed of
by Private Sale),

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of
GROUND, registered in the Land Office
as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the
North side thereof on a Close registered
in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170,
and measuring thereon forty-five feet,
on the South side on the remaining
portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measur-
ing thereon forty-five feet on the East
side thereof on Peel Street, and
measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, on
the West side thereof on Slavey
Street and measuring thereon twenty-
nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of
Ground contains in the whole 1317
square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel
Street, together with the three-storied
TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected
thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15 56.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the pur-
chase money to be paid on the fall of the
hammer, and the balance on completion
of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of
which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk
on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instruc-
tions from Rev. R. H. KIRBY to sell
by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock
p.m., (instead of the time previously
advertised), at his Residence,
Albany Road,

The whole of his Household FUR-
NITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing,
Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas,
Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables,
Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass
and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bed-
steads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and
Glasses, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the
whole to be on view on and after Satur-
day, the 10th March.

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in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

SEAN OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Baker.—Douglas Larraik & Co.

NURMIH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnhold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

AUDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain
S. Noyes.—Kozario & Co.

TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golder.—Meyer & Co.

FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt.
G. Schweer.—Melchers & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 24, *Gadshill*, British steamer, 1240,
Jas. Ranton, London Jan. 6, via Ports of
Call and Singapore Feb. 14, General.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Brisbane*, British steamer, 1700,
R. Balfour, Sydney Jan. 31, Cooktown
Feb. 18, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Annie S. Hall*, American 3-m.
schooner, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, Newcastle
(N.S.W.) Dec. 29, Coal.—DOUGLAS LARRAIK
& Co.

Feb. 25, *Norna*, British steamer, 608,
A. G. Walker, Swatow Feb. 24, General.—
KWOK ACHONG.

Feb. 25, *Tehing Tain*, Chinese gunboat,
150, Bessard, from Canton.

Feb. 25, *Gunga*, French steamer, 767,
Garcean, Saigon Feb. 18, Rice.—Order.

Feb. 25, *Formosa*, German 3-m. schooner,
282, Schweer, Klong Feb. 20, Coal.—
MELCHERS & Co.

Feb. 26, *Fuyew*, Chinese steamer, 920,
A. Crood, Shanghai Feb. 21, General.—
C. M. S. N. Co.

Feb. 26, *Norna*, British steamer, 608,
A. G. Walker, Swatow Feb. 24, General.—
KWOK ACHONG.

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150, Bessard, from Canton.

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CLEARED.

Leonor, for Swatow, &c.
Norna, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Zambesi, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Messrs R. Francis, G. Detring and
Gerrard, T. H. Herbert, R. Simmons, and
G. O'Brien; for Singapore, Mr. Thos. Jones;
for Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wake,
and family, and Mr. T. Jones.

Per *Brisbane*, from Sydney, &c., Mr.
McLellan, and 78 Chinese, and 6 Officers
and 64 men of the S. S. *Singapore*.

Per *Fuyew*, from Shanghai, Capt. Jack-
son and 40 Chinese.

Per *Sunbeam*, from Simonseski, Mrs. Bras-
sey, and 3 children, Hon. A. G. Bingham,
Mr. Freer, and Dr. Potter.

Per *State of Louisiana*, from Singapore,
&c., Miss Kay, and 42 Chinese.

Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 120 Chinese.

Per *Killamey*, for Cooktown, 792 Chi-
nese.

Per *Pau Tah*, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.
TO DEPART.

Per *Leonor*, for Swatow, &c., 10 Cabin,
and 100 Chinese.

Per *Norna*, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Gadshill* reports:
In the English Channel had strong westerly
winds from Singapore to port strong N.E.
winds and high sea.

The Chinese steamer *Fuyew* reports:
Light S.W. winds and calms to Lamocks,
thence fresh N.E. winds to port.

The British steamer *Norna* reports:
Strong N.E. gales and high sea with thick
cloudy weather.

The French steamer *Gunga* reports:
First part of passage strong N.E. winds
and heavy sea, latter part fine weather.

The German 3-masted schooner *Formosa*
reports: First part of passage calms and
light winds, latter part moderate monsoon
and foggy weather.

The British gunboat *Fly* reports: N.E.
winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Tientsin* reports:
Experienced strong N.E. monsoon and
heavy head sea to Cape Padaran, light
variable winds thence to Paracels fresh
N.E. wind and heavy head sea the rest of
the passage.

The British steamer *Zambesi* reports:
Light winds and fine weather throughout
the passage.

The British steamer *Brisbane* reports:
Left Sydney at 4.15 p.m. on the 31st ult.,
and Cooktown at 8.30 a.m. on the 11th
inst. Passed the S. S. *Mecca* off the Banda
Islands on the 17th. Passed through
Malacca Straits early on the morning of
the 18th, and arrived at this port at 8.30
a.m. on 24th. Experienced fine weather
throughout the passage.

The British steamer *State of Louisiana*
reports: Left London on the 5th Jan.,
experienced very heavy weather across the
Bay of Biscay, afterwards the weather was
moderate. Arrived at Port Said on the
20th Jan., cleared the Canal on the 23rd,
had Northerly winds down the Red Sea
with a great deal of rain. Fine weather
from thence to Singapore, arriving on the
16th February. Left on the 18th, had very
strong monsoons up the China Sea and
very heavy sea.

The American barkentine *Annie S. Hall*
reports: First ten days out had light winds
N. to N.N.E. and a strong S.W. current
which carried us to lat. 35.40 S. long. 168
E., from there experienced light S.W.
winds to lat. 5.8. long. 162.10 E., off Lord
Howe's Group Solomon Islands from there
experienced N.W. winds to lat. 8.10 N.
long. 167 E. Crossed the Equator Jan. 30
long. 168.10, same day spoke the barke-
entine *Elise* of Hamburg, from Caroline
Islands towards the Radick Islands, had no
S.E. trades got the N.E. trades in lat. 3.10
N., took what is termed the middle passage
between New Caledonia and the Bellona
Reefs and between Santa Luz and Caroline
Islands to the eastward of Oulan Island.
Night of the 10th instant passed through
between Saipan and Farolons de Medallina
Mariana Islands, morning of the 2nd, came
through the Bashee Channel Feb. 22, spoke
the barkentine *Christian*, from Hongkong
bound to Tientsin in lat. 22.36 long. 118.27,
all well, wished to be reported. Night of
the 15th instant was struck with a heavy
squall from the N.W. blew away jib main
and middle staysails. Had the winds very
light and baffling all round the compass
from Bashee Channel until off the Breaker
Point when had thick and foggy weather.
From Breaker Point had strong breeze and
high sea with thick gloomy weather. At
10 p.m. 24th instant hope to off Lyseum
Pass, could not make out the light came in
by Lama Channel.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

SEAN OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Baker.—Douglas Larraik & Co.

NURMIH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnhold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

AUDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain
S. Noyes.—Kozario & Co.

TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golder.—Meyer & Co.

FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt.
G. Schweer.—Melchers & Co.

SHIPPING.

Feb. 24, *Gadshill*, British steamer, 1240,
Jas. Ranton, London Jan. 6, via Ports of
Call and Singapore Feb. 14, General.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Brisbane*, British steamer, 1700,
R. Balfour, Sydney Jan. 31, Cooktown
Feb. 18, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Feb. 25, *Annie S. Hall*, American 3-m.
schooner, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, Newcastle
(N.S.W.) Dec. 29, Coal.—DOUGLAS LARRAIK
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POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The French Contract Packet *TIGRE*,
will be despatched on THUR-
SDAY, the 8th March, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via *Marcellas*;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galie,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexan-
dria.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—Leonor leaves for Coast Ports.
Notice of optional cargo per *State of*
Louisiana to be given before Noon.

Goods per *Annie* undelivered after
Noon, subject to rent and landing
charges.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Valuable Dramatic
Library, &c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's
Sale Room.

4 p.m.—Sale of Horses and Carriages, &c.,
at Government House.

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on all fitting occasions expressed the obligations of the Government to all those who have so largely contributed to them. In the schools under your special and individual charge, I have full confidence that the young will acquire that knowledge which will be useful here, and lead up to that which is indispensable hereafter. With grateful thanks for the moderation and liberality you have exercised in matters of grave discussion,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very faithful servant,

A. B. KENNEDY.

To the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson,

and others signing the address.

The Members of the Deputation having been invited to resume their seats, His Excellency observed: "This address will be kept by me as an heir-loom, and a very valuable one, from you. I am very glad to see you here, and very sorry that this is the last time I shall in all probability have the pleasure of meeting you as a body, because we shall be taking our departure within a few days. Your school system here has now, I think, taken root, and it will be your own fault and that of the public if it ever becomes uprooted. I am happy to see that the missionaries here, including all denominations, instead of being at variance with public opinion, as I have seen them in some other places, are in perfect accord with it. I think the public sympathies with you, and appreciate the moderation and liberality you have evinced in dealing with educational and other matters. The course you have taken has been a source of great satisfaction to me, and it is not the same in all places where I have been, and where I have had various troubles in these matters to contend with. The system inaugurated here, however, has now fairly taken root, and I think the people of this Colony and yourselves, who take such a prominent part in the promotion of education on the island, will be to blame if it ever becomes uprooted. No doubt, it will continue to work well, and I think it stimulates and encourages the teachers as well as those who attend the schools. Although I am leaving the Colony I do not mean to cease my connection with it, because I shall ever take a great and deep interest in everything here, and especially in matters concerning the schools. I have had a very happy and contented time here, so far as my public duties are concerned, and I shall be very sorry to leave you all.

The Rev. R. Lecher said he had to express a hope that His Excellency would take the same kind interest in the Chinese in Queensland that he had evinced in those here. Many Chinese members of the Christian churches in Hongkong, had emigrated to Cooktown and other places in Australia and they had many friends there who were in constant communication with their friends in Hongkong, and they desired to recommend them to the same kind consideration which His Excellency had shown towards the Chinese in this Colony.

His Excellency said he did not think the Chinese would be likely to have any complaint against him. To-morrow a deputation, representing the Chinese community, was coming to Government House to present an address of which they had sent him a copy, and if any of them wished to be present he should be very glad to see them. He did not think the Chinese community had any reason to be dissatisfied with his administration of the Colony; in fact he knew that they were not unfriendly towards him. He was very glad always to help any one who would help themselves. In his own household one circumstance had occurred which was very creditable to the Chinese, and which he would state, as a little set-off to the many complaints one heard of their shortcomings. He was in the habit of New Year's Day of seeing all his servants and making them a small present. On looking over the lists for last and the present year he found that out of the twenty-three servants which he had connected with his house, only two changes had occurred during the twelve months, one of them through death and the other through dismissal. That was a remarkable and creditable fact as regards the Chinese. He did not think there were many European establishments, where there would be twenty-three servants employed that could get along with fewer changes than that. He was so going to take several of them with him. At one period, he recollected, some gentlemen were pleased to think that he had Chinese upon the brain. He had not; but he liked to do justice to a people who ever they might be, whether they were Chinese or Europeans. He had no fault to find with the Chinese; they had acted faithfully and honestly so far as his dealings with them were concerned; they were industrious, and very good subjects in any country if they were legislated for instead of against. There were complaints against them in America, and no wonder. They were treated there as outcasts and aliens, and if they treated them in that manner, they must not be surprised to find them behaving as such. Every morning he had a police report placed before him, and he knew of every crime that was committed and every complaint that was made, and he thought the Chinese had good claims to be considered as an orderly and well-behaved people. They might be looked upon in the same light in San Francisco, if they were treated upon a proper basis. This was not done; they simply made use of them, and those by whom they were employed or looked after were not always of the highest class, and they were not properly treated in all cases. He would wherever he was, endeavour to legislate for rather than against them, and if possible to guide them; they were very easily guided if they only legislated for them. He saw that the emigrant was still increasing; there were 8 or 9 hundred going in one ship alone, to Queensland; but in an enormous territory like that there should be room for them, especially as a great portion of it by reason of its tropical climate never can be cultivated successfully by Europeans, and under these circumstances he thought it was fortunate that they could obtain plenty of labour from China.

Mr. Lecher: Yes, and it is very beneficial to China as well; if the Chinese would keep away from the gold fields, it would be better.

His Excellency: The Chinese are like other people and they will do that which they find most profitable. Doubtless numbers will settle in the country. I recollect that many years ago when I was in Vancouver's Island they came there and to other places in that part and went to the diggings. When, however, the mines were no longer profitable they took to other pursuits and did well. Of course there were not very many of them, but there were enough to give me some idea as to what to expect when I came here, and I was very

glad of the little experience I had had of the Chinese.

Dr. Bittel said that as Agent of the Anti-Slavery Society he desired to call His Excellency's attention to the labour traffic between the South Pacific Islands and Queensland. According to reports there were very grave anomalies and crimes in connection with that traffic, and he was afraid of the representation made that very serious steps would be necessary to regulate it.

His Excellency: The Imperial laws on that subject, Dr. Bittel, are very stringent, and if they are put into force I think no abuses could occur. I cannot tell the date of that law, but it was passed about four years ago, because I know that a predecessor of mine in Queensland, the Marquis of Normanby, was highly praised by the home Government in regard to that subject, and the Imperial Act was passed for the purpose of putting an end to that traffic. I think there can be no doubt that any traffic of that sort, where the men are kidnapped, or anything of that kind, call it what you will, must be illegal. Wherever I find any human creatures either impressed or enslaved, depend upon it you will find me on their side. There is plenty of labour—free labour—and no need of impressing it. The Chinese are probably quite able to supply the demands for labour in the country, and are most suitable men for the work.

The Rev. A. B. Hutchinson said there was one matter which he could not very well include in the address but which he wished to mention, namely, that instead of the fact of their giving a distinctive religious teaching in their schools being any obstacle to the wishes of the Chinese to enter them, they were obliged every year to turn away from the schools a large number of children for whom they could not possibly find room. The children were sent to the school on the distinct understanding that they would be taught Christianity every day, and notwithstanding that they had to turn away twice as many children as were admitted.

His Excellency said that was a very gratifying fact to know. No one could suppose from anything that he had done that he was hostile to Christianity in any way; he only objected to the children being taught that of which parents of the children did not approve. He had no doubt that in time hereafter their schools would draw away large numbers from the public school; at least there will not be so much pressure on it, for I think the Chinese are beginning to attach so much importance to a good English Education that you will find your schools always full even if you have twice the room you have; and I do not think that any of the Chinese think the less of people for being Christian; and a great many of them no doubt, if Christianity were properly brought before them, probably would think better of it than Confucianism; still, I think it is wrong to force anything of this kind upon them—to denationalize them, as it were.

Mr. Hutchinson said, Certainly His Excellency. They must be shown by example and precept what Christianity is. However, what Mr. Hutchinson has stated is a very satisfactory fact to know, and I am glad to hear it. I consider the Chinese are capable of judging rightly as well as any other people. They are instructed, I think, to judge of our schools on the same principle as they are aided, viz., by results. If they are treated liberally or unkindly I think they are fully sensible of it, and I know very well they will appreciate kindness—that I have no doubt whatever—they are fond of money and gain, but that is not peculiar to the Chinese.

The Deputation shortly after withdrew.

LOSS OF THE S. S. SINGAPORE.

The S. S. *Singapore* brings further particulars of the loss of the S. S. *Singapore*. The *Singapore* arrived safely at Cooktown from this port on the 29th January, and, after landing passengers and mail, proceeded on her voyage on the 31st. Captain Peake believed the Chief Officer at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, the 2nd February, and ten minutes later altered her course, but at 4 past 4 she struck heavily on an unknown rock half-a-mile to the west of L Island No. 1. The water made rapidly, and the vessel swinging round listed heavily, and it became evident there was little or no hope of getting her off. Steam was blown off, boats lowered, and passengers and mails landed. Captain Peake was on deck when she struck and had altered the course as an act of caution. During the panic which ensued all on board, passengers as well as crew, behaved remarkably well. The mail bags reached Mackay completely saturated, some of the letters, more especially the Chinese ones, being in a state of pulp. Later news stated that the vessel was a total wreck and had been abandoned. The S. S. *Singapore* was signalled shortly after the accident occurred, and the *Brisbane* was telegraphed for to render assistance. The captain and a few of the crew remained by the wreck; the remainder came on to Hongkong by the S. S. *Brisbane*. A boat, containing one European and four sailors, which left the ship it is thought to get to the lee side of the island, was still missing when the *Brisbane* left Cooktown.

The *Cooktown Herald* gives the following particulars:—

Mackay, February 4 8.50 p.m.—The latest accounts from the R. M. S. *Singapore* state that the steamer is nearly totally submerged, and is a perfect wreck.

The steamer has been abandoned, and little or no cargo is to be saved.

It appears that Captain Peake relieved his chief officer at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, and ten minutes later altered her course, and five minutes afterwards the ship struck heavily on an unknown rock, half-a-mile to the west of L Island No. 1.

The water made rapidly, and the ship swinging round, listed heavily, and there is no hope of getting her afloat.

The steam was blown off, the boats lowered, and passengers and mails landed.

Captain Peake was on deck when the ship struck, he steered the course taken as an act of caution.

During the panic that ensued after the ship struck, passengers and crew behaved remarkably well.

The mail-bags reached Mackay completely saturated, some of the letters especially Chinese, being in a state of pulp.

On Saturday night it blew a heavy south-east gale off Cape Capricorn and Mackay.

It is doubtful whether the *Brisbane* was signalled to render assistance.

February 5, 8 p.m.—The latest news from the L Island states the *Singapore* to be a total loss, and abandoned.

THE LAST "TOWN JOTTING."

By A. "C. B."

[Many of our readers will remember our quondam correspondent the "Curbside Broker," who seven years ago, amused them with his quaint views of popular topics and unpopular grievances. His last communication appeared in our columns on the 2nd of July, 1870, and his prognostications as to the manner in which the coming Fourth would be celebrated in the Colony proved so unpalatable to the more excitable portion of the American community that he found it convenient to withdraw from the island and bury himself in one of the villages on the mainland beyond the Kowloon ranges. Here he took up his residence among the Chinese children of nature and busied himself in preparing an elaborate work on Chinese wit and humour, showing the possibility of making eleven hundred perfect puns from one character. The readiness with which they may be comprehended and enjoyed by the European reader is proved by the fact that a knowledge of only eight dialects is necessary, dashed with a smattering of Celestial argot. Our friend lived very quietly and simply, subsisting—as he quaintly informed a party of friends, who, in the course of a pedestrian tour to Canton, passed through the village where he was domiciled—"on the interest of what he owed." We regret to state that news of his sudden and untimely decease, after a lingering illness of barely four years, was received at this office last week, accompanied by an official envelope bearing the address of this journal. His favorite sinological friend, Obese John, to whom in his former articles he so often referred, was with him at the last and took charge of this package. The only other effects found after his departure, were, we are informed, an empty Boker, an exhausted tin of Allin's sugar, and a large and choice selection of glass jars in whose recesses were stored the fragrant Monongahela. From these relics, we judge that our poor friend was true to the last to his avowed sentiments. The enclosure proved to be a letter addressed to the proprietor of this paper and appears below in *extenso*.]

Feb. 14th, 1877.

My dear old friend.—Years, many years have elapsed since last we met, and I fear many more will pass ere we meet again. In this world our paths no longer run parallel, and in the next you can say how much they may diverge. If there be, as may be devoutly wished, a "happy hunting ground" provided for the weary journalist, we may yet imbibe a mutual cocktail in realms where compositors cease from troubling and reporters are at rest. Since our old friend Charley left us and sought the fragrant blue gum groves of Gippsland, the *caecoths* has burned very languidly in my veins, and those young women from Par-nassus have sought distractions in vain. I am old, my boy, fallen into the vale of years and have ceased to feel any interest as to whether school keeps or not. The years I have spent among these simple children of nature, on a moderate diet of one dish of thin congee per day, has etherealized my spirit, and induced me to look with calm indifference upon the vexations and recreations of the children of men. (Who do you think will take the Ladies' Purse this year? As a claggard, I have been to the ant for instruction, and I grieve to say on one occasion when my stock of Kinnahan gave out unexpectedly, to the uncle for relief. But though away from and indifferent to you, I have not been in ignorance of you. The papers which have reached me at intervals from the outer world have kept me au fait to the goings on in your Colony, and though on some occasions the temptation to interfere has been strong, it has been successfully resisted. But there are bounds to everything, and one's endurance should not be overtaxed. I learn from a rumour that has been lately wafted hither through the agency of a piece of gossip that your Governor has been promoted and Pope Homage is to reign in his stead. I remember seeing in the *Times* of the kind in a stray number of the *Times* more than a year ago, but the fate of that hapless journal was too much like that of Cassandra for its assertions to carry with them much reliance. I am really sorry for you. I believe Pope to be a thoroughly good fellow and an exceedingly well-meaning man, but I have watched your present Governor's career with much interest and growing favour. You know I was a strong partisan of Sir Richard Macdonnell's and heartily endorsed all his schemes for the public good, believing them to be thoroughly sound and desirable. But I have gradually grown to respect and esteem your present ruler not only for the quality of the measures he has introduced but for the exquisite tact he has displayed in carrying them out and also in carrying with him the whole Colony. "I believe," says the old proverb, "a cat's paw more dies than a minister's." I am disposed to consider Sir Arthur wisely in his outwardness, you know, more of the game than the players and from this vantage point I have gazed placidly at the doings of your Colony for the past six years. Through the agency of your columns I paid Sir Richard a parting compliment in rhyme (such as it was), and I have hastily concocted a similar sort of a thing as my opinion of the present Governor, which I will forward you by the first post express leaving for Hongkong. You will never probably hear from me again, as I find myself gradually sinking, and soon my only requirements will be three feet east, three feet west, three feet between north and south and five feet or more perpendicular; if I can get hold of it, much land cheap. Should you see any incongruity between this effusion and the panglossic on the former chief, remember it was not that I loved Richard less, but Arthur more.

Thine ever,

"C. B."

When Richard left, I snatched the local lyre, and our regret settled in feeble verse.

Weak tho' it doubtless was and void of fire, It was my best, thank goodness 'twas no worse.

Since then, the tuneful chords have lain unused, and at least, my sacrilegious hand, And in the passing years, none more adept Have risen to pour its music on the land.

But now again the tuneful strains should swell, Another chief's departure draweth near— One who has ruled us wisely, ruled us well, And earned promotion; finds it—but not here.

Since no one else comes to the front to pay, In verse the meed of sympathy expressed, Poor as my rhymes are—let me say, As another weak to speed the parting guest.

The proper Chinese phrase for Duty.

I praised Sir Richard for the good he did, Nor touched at all on what he failed to do, Dilated on his services, nor hid

One tittle of praise, his own, from public view.

His purposes were good, his weapons bad, His style of using luckless past belief;

One asks, when such success has since been had, Why schemes so sound at first should come to grief.

All who have pored o'er *Æsop* must recall The caustic fable of the wind and sun,

Who strove to make the traveller's garment fall, One failed with force, the other's softness won.

Our Governors as any men alive Were honest and sincere in views and deeds, But where stern Richard's harshness failed to drive

Suave Arthur's tact and *savoir faire* succeeded.

He came to us unheralded, unknown, And we, unconscious, yielded to his spell;

His talents won respect, while kindness won To all our people, gained our hearts as well.

He ruled with courtesy, but firmness too, The rein was never slackened in his hand,

And though upon the curb he seldom drew, All felt 'twas there, for use, upon demand.

His wisdom in our Council showed space, The measures introduced were shrewd and sound;

All must admit the right man the right place Had for a miracle full surely found.

He gave us streets—such we ne'er had before, Afforded us facilities to wed,

And when the Churchmen carped, showed them the door And bade the prelates their own business heed.

He fought the Customs blockade, with some wit, Reviewed the matter in a proper tone,

His views were clear—and men of sense admit The only sensible ideas yet shown.

He found us water when our pipes were dry And bade Tytan our thirsty citizens fill,

Gave learning's prizes to our *sai-mun-tai* With "words in season," e'en more precious still.

But what endeared him to us 'bove the rest, He styled our social customs obsolete,

Smiling the hydra-headed monster caste He trampled him to earth beneath his feet.

He threw his portals open to us all, And bade us welcome in his Monarch's name—

Native or foreign in his social hall, Were welcomed courteously, alike—the same.

Nor yet unaided brought things to this pass, Another rule within that mansion bore:

One whom all loved and cherished, but alas, Who left our circle and passed on before.

With her tomb those gentle virtues urn Which to domestic life such radiance lent,

While her loss our Colony must mourn The genial hostess and the kindly friend.

But as the sceptre left her trembling grasp A daughter took it from her outstretched hand;

So gentle was the act, so like the clasp, That few discerned another held the wand.

So gracefully on her the duties sit, With such success the task was undertaken

That in the daughter none but must admit The virtues of the mother live again.

Will you forget us, Arthur? God forbid, Let us within your recollection dwell;

For a short space, at least, ennobled amid Those who have loved both you and yours full well.

When away o'er that mighty Southern sphere The valour of our Queen to thee, Bear in remembrance those you governed here, This petty islet of the China Sea.

Think of us sometimes! When Australia's sun In breathless vacuum hurls its fiery pidge,

Muse on the cooling breeze from Pokyford, The ice that forms, sometimes, at Mount-Lodge.

When the "Brickfielder" pours its scorching blast And on its wings destruction bears around

When Kalmuck's three figures, rising fast, Think! coolness with us means nine cash a-pound.

Think of your old associate! your "first lug," Lengthy of limb and long of head beside,

Whose plain good sense was strong and strong enough, Tho' Punch's chaffing he could not abide.

Of Cecil too, that statesman in outline, Length without breadth or thickness, so to speak,

But in whose mental qualities combine, Shrewdness and judgment not unmixed with cheek.

His stout old Lordship, whose leal, honest heart, Even study of the law could not corrupt—

His *Puimo* ditto, who has borne his part So courteously and well, tho' unscript.

Think of the A. G. who have risen and dove, Like Bangu's seed, into the distance dim,

Ball, Pannicote, Haylar, Bramston, the new crew,

And our own Jimmy, too, "Bully for him."

Of Charley May whose seal no labor oyle, Who whields the baton and the safe-key too,

Of Freddy who so bravely trains our boys, The cream of all the civil service crew.

Of stalwart Molin stout of heart and limb; And gentle Edmund of the court and kirk,

Huffan and Lister—Dennis, too, think of him Should dangers threaten or seditions lurk.

Of Tomlin and his most unhappy charge Doomed for their crimes to all a living grave;

The joy of those who ventured to enlarge When at departing Freedom's door you gave.

Of others whom I might detail in bands, Good men and true, some better and some worse,

The "Non-officials" who have stayed your hands And with you watched with care the public purse.

The merchant princes whose stately houses "are lang,"

Has given wisely counsel to the State; The gamecock booker from the Yang-tee-kiang;

The chaffed, but solid, Expert of debate, The Bishop and the solid best in mind

Who "monger themselves" happily agree, And hope to make some converts, when they're

And

The proper Chinese phrase for Duty.

Nor let our flower of oratory glide From memory's precincts to oblivion drear,

But write him down there, Dogberry beside:— Tho' of forgetting him, there's little fear.

Australian Councils many a flower bear Whose perfume will recall his peerless

And if he blushes 'tis, indeed, unseen.

Nor should the Fourth Estate connected be With any feelings of dislike or pique.

The journalistic leaders found in thee No cause for cavi, sarcasm, keen critique;

E'en Torrey's bitter pen could not assail, Nor Dennis chide, while Wilcox with him

chimes;

Your course found favour with the Press and Mail,

And—best of all—the "dear departed" Times!

Punch, certainly, did whilom at your head, Hurl some rough chaffing, not in taste the

best;

But Toby has departed, Punch is dead, And *somewhere*, *nihi*, you know the rest.

Then there's our sinologues, the famous three, Legge, Morrison, and Williams; think of

them;

And Eitel too, our learned Ph.D. With hall and trade mark, without flaw, a gem.

Think of our Medicos, O'Brien, Ayres, (The big-wigs of the crowd if practice show it.)

Wharry and Young—were you not friends of theirs?

As well as Dr. George, our local poet:— Of old Virginius, who 'mongst Yanks holds

away

While Teuton favor, Clouth or Gerlach wins,

Adams and Gye, the Nestors of the Bay— *Arceades* ango—pathologic twins.

But why enlarge? I might increase the list, Until I stretched out to the crack of doom,

Legions I could enumerate, but hist! I don't believe the Mail can spare the room.

Think of us all, in *globo*, in a lump— I'm sure that's right, altho' my Latin's rusty

And at conclusions I'm too apt to jump, *Sorberidactis*, *phaw!* the proverb's musty.

Think of the Queen's Road, Clock Tower, City Hall,

The gardens that with verdure long have girt you

The Swimming Bath, the Market, Praya Wall, Those combinations of fine art and *certu*.

Of all you saw, when as the daystar set, You wended Eastward for your evening jog,

And by-the-by 'mong others don't forget, The peril of the wild pariah dog.

I think you won't forget us in a crack, But in your memory we may bide a-while,

And, I fear, will often wish you back, Maskee how good the coming man may be.

We had got used to you and you to us, And pulled together in the traces well,

There was no creaking of the wheels, no fuss, But with a new yoke-fellow, who can tell.

I trust our new chief may turn out 3-star And prove the winning trump in every trick,

But he has set him harder tasks by far In following you than you in following

Diok.

We hope the best and when the time shall come That he like you shall elsewhere find relief

The highest proof success to reckon from, Will be that parting we show equal grief.

God speed you, Arthur, in your new career, And grant you health, success and *kudootoo*,

And to your country long your labours spare, And make them worthy in our Sovereign's

view.

And may the lady whose pure matchless worth Has won our people, all His grace inspire;

The heartiest wish one can but falter forth God bless the daughter and preserve the

sire.

Australian Items.

We (Sydney Morning Herald) are informed by the hon. Colonial Secretary that a

cypher message has been received by his Excellency the Governor from Lord Carnarvon, stating that Colonels Laffan and

Scratchley have been selected, in compliance with the wish of the colonies, expressed

through his Excellency, to arrange for the military defence of the Australian colonies.

A part of the message, it appears, was undecipherable, and it was not clear whether

one or both of those officers was to be sent at the time mentioned. Colonel Laffan

was sent out on a special mission to Ceylon, in 1866, while Sir Hercules Robinson was

there, to arrange the military establishment and defences of

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES

Chilies, Dried, . . .	catty	150	50
" Mixed, . . .	"	60	50
Curry Stuff, English, .	"	40	30
Egg Plant, . . .	"	40	35
Garlic, (bulb) dried, .	"	50	40
Ginger, . . .	"	30	20
Greens, White . . .	"	12	10
" Winter course .	"	15	—
Green, Sprouts . . .	"	20	15
Green Peas, in shell, old	"	60	50
" young . . .	"	40	—
" Horse Radish, 'S'hal,	"	225	200
Lettuce, Chinese . . .	"	25	20
" English, . . .	head	10	—
Mint, . . .	catty	12	15
Mushroom, dried, . .	"	750	650
Onions, Bombay . . .	"	100	80
" Green . . .	"	20	—
Parsley, Chinese, . . .	"	50	—
" English, . . .	bunch	12	10
Potatoes, new, Masco, catty	"	20	15
" Sweet, . . .	"	12	10
Pumpkins, . . .	"	30	15
Radishes, . . .	doz.	30	20

Shalots,	"	40	35
Sesamum,	"	120	100
Taro (U Tau),	"	12	10
Tomatoes,	"	50	40
Turnips, Salt,	"	20	15
" English,	each	10	—
" Chinese,	catty	15	10
Water Lily Roots, . . .	"	25	20
Water Cress,	bunch	30	20
Yams,	catty	30	20
Fruits.			
Aleurites,	catty	80	50
Apples, Dried,	"	500	400
" Californian, . . .	"	320	200
Bananas, fragrant Funtl,	"	30	25
" Common,	"	30	—

Cocoanuts	each	50	40
Currants,	bottle	400	350
" " " " " "	lb.	200	160
Dates,	bottle	500	400
Figs, Dried,	" "	500	400
Ground Nuts,	" "	80	25
Lemons,	" "	70	80
Lichoes, Dried,	" "	200	180
Loong Ngan, Dried,	" "	400	200
Olives, green, Funt,	catty	60	80
Oranges, (Oocle) Chang,	" "	40	80
" Sweet, Sun-weoy,	" "	140	120

" (Mandarin)	"	100	84
Papaw,	"	150	134
Pears, Santoong,	"	115	104
Pears, Chefoo,	"	100	84
Pine-apples, Panti	each	50	44
Plantains, common	catty	30	24
" fragrant	"	35	30
Prunes, dried	hatty	200	175

0	Pumpeloes or Shaddock, each	80	5
0	" Amy, " bottle	90	—
0	Raisins, Muscatel, " bottle	750	60
0	" " lb.	200	15
0	Salesbury Seeds, Pak-kwo, catty	80	7
0	Sugar Cane, " stick	25	2
0	Tamarinds, " catty	60	5
0	Walnuts, " "	100	8
0	Water Chestnuts, Canton, " "	60	5
0	Miscellaneous.		
0	Allspice, Chinese, " bottle	200	—
0	" English, " "	750	50
0	Barley, " picul	1600	150
0	Bran, " picul	2500	160
0	Butter, " lb.	600	50

" Lemon "	"	750	700
Capers	"	250	220
Charcoal	piel	1080	1000
Cheese, American	lb.	400	350
Cinnamon	catty	800	250
Citron	"	160	150
Cloves	"	700	500
Cocoonut Oil	bottle	180	150
Coffee	lb.	230	200

Firewood,	.	.	picul	400	350
Flour,	.	.	catty	40	34
Gram,	.	.	picul	3000	2750
Isinglass,	.	.	pkgs.	750	—
Lamp Oil,	.	.	catty	90	80

0	Mace,	,"	,"	1000	1000
0	Mango Chutney,	,"	,"	750	800
0	Mustard,	,"	,"	500	800
0	Nutmeg,	,"	,"	180	160
0	Olives,	,"	,"	10	20
0	Paddy,	,"	,"	250	200
0	Pearl Barley,	,"	,"	1600	1500
0		,"	,"	280	180

0	„ (ground)	„ bottle	250	200
0	Pickles, „	„ „	200	160
0	Rice, „	„ catty	40	30
0	Eggs, „	„ „	100	80
4	Saled Oil „	„ „	250	150

„ Fine.	20	18
Sauces, Lea & Perrins, bottle	850	900
„ Others	200	180
Split Peas.	80	70

Taploca,	800	270
Tea,, catty	750	800
Vermicelli, Chinese	100	80
„ English, box	1000	900
Vinegar, English, bottle	200	150

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